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Review of MIS 19, Section 6J

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1. [] has reviewed subject manuscript as requested. Several questions that resulted from the review have been discussed [] on 8 July 1960. These questions are forwarded pursuant to your request.

2. Several general comments are submitted in the interest of clarifying some points discussed []

a. Maps and figures referred to in the text have not been seen.

b. Although readily recognized errors in place name spellings were corrected, a complete and systematic check of all place names was not attempted.

3. Specific comments on the manuscript are:

a. Page 1. B.1, lines 2-4

It is suggested that this read: "This basin is inclosed by the Carpathian Mountains on the north and east, the Transylvanian Alps and the Balkan Mountains on the south, and the Alps and the Dinaric Alps on the west."

b. Page 1. B.1, para. 2, lines 1-3

It is suggested that this read: "There are no high mountains in Hungary. The principal upland region, a group of hills and low mountains, extends in a northeast-southwest direction across the northern half of Hungary."

c. Page 1. B.1, para. 2, line 4

It is suggested that "region" be substituted for "area" and the sentence terminated after "region."

d. Page 1. B.1, para. 3, line 2

It is suggested that the second region read: "(2) The Northern Hills and Low Mountains, that encompasses three counties;" and that this term be used hereafter.

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e. Page 1. b.1. a. First and second sentences

It is suggested these read: "Much of Hungary is a lowland with 83 percent of the country less than 636 feet above the Adriatic Sea Level. The percentage of land at various elevations is as follows:..."

f. Page 2, lines 5-7, 15-17

(1) It is suggested that this read: "It extends northward merging into the foothills and southern slopes of the northern hills and mountains. On the west, the region is bordered by the Danube River."

(2) It is suggested this read: "The Northern Hills and Low Mountains Region, with a small amount of flat land, is the least suitable for agriculture."

g. Page 3, lines 1-4

The second sentence reads contradictory to the first. Can the second sentence read: "A predominant part of the lower slopes, river valleys, and plains is arable."?

h. Page 3. b., lines 3, 4

(1) The geographic coordinates should read: 45°45'N and 48°35'N latitude and 16°05'E and 22°55'E longitude.

(2) It is suggested that the sentence commencing "Hungary, lies...." read: "Hungary's climate is influenced by three types of climates -- the Marine to the northwest, the Mediterranean to the south, and the Continental to the east."

i. Page 4, lines 15, 16

(1) It is suggested that after the word "south" the following phrase be inserted: "that would be expected longitudinally..."

(2) It is suggested that the following be inserted after "hot summers": "and availability of irrigational water..."

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J. Page 5, line 7, 13

(1) Since the term "Middle Mountains" has not been used in the text previously, it is suggested that these be identified and located. Is reference being made to the Mátyás, Vértes, and Pilis Mountains? If so, it is difficult to accept Transdanubia as a geographical region.

(2) Do not all crops need some sunshine?

K. Page 6, lines 1-12, 15, 20

(1) It is suggested that this read: "Although surrounded by an almost continuous mountain barrier, prevailing winds of various air masses are associated with particular precipitation and temperature patterns. Moisture laden northeasterly winds from an Atlantic air mass penetrate into Hungary through the Vienna Gap contributing to a slightly higher and more evenly distributed precipitation pattern in northwestern Hungary. Southwesterly winds from the Adriatic air mass penetrate into Hungary through the Ljubljana Pass particularly in the spring or fall resulting in a definite precipitation maximum at these times. Northeasterly winds from the Continental air mass are cold and dry in winter, and hot and dry in the summer."

(2) It is suggested that after "...32 inches" the sentence read: "in the hills and mountains."

(3) It is suggested that "the southeastern part of the Great Plain centered on ..." be inserted after, "particularly in" and the word "portions" be deleted.

L. Page 7, lines 13, 14-15

(1) The highest elevation on the Austrian border is 2,900', it is suggested that "low" be substituted for "high".

(2) It is suggested that the following be substituted for lines 14-15: "Snowfall is usually light. During mild winters snow may cover the ground for periods up to two weeks or may be totally absent. Continuous snow cover, usually infrequent, occurs during extremely cold winters."

M. Page 8, lines 12-13, 14, 15, 17-18

(1) It is suggested that "brown or red podzols" read "brown forest and red podzolic soils...".

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(2) It is suggested that "pedologic soils" be used for "p. soils", as the latter are found only in the higher northern latitudes.

(3) It is suggested that "a very considerable area of Eastern Hungary" be deleted. Much of eastern Hungary is Chernozem.

(4) It is suggested that "they occur largely in hilly country and" be deleted. Hilly terrain does not in itself make the soil cover more productive.

n. Page 9, line 7

It is suggested that the sentence starting on line 7 read: "They occur on floodplains of the Danube and its major tributaries (Dráva and Rába), and the Tisza and its major tributaries (Sajó, Hármas Kőrös and Maros).

o. Page 10, lines 4-6, 8, 11

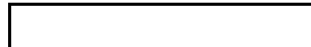
(1) It is suggested this read: "Extensive areas of peaty soils, formed in bogs and depressions, are found in Szabolcs-Szatmár, Fejér, and Győr-Sopron counties, and adjacent to Lakes Balaton and Fertő."

(2) This sentence states four major soil types and page 8, lines 3-7 identify six soil types.

(5) Can one add after "gardens", "and crops."?

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